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PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, the large and growing interests of the Real Estate Proprietors and Tax-payers in the City of Montreal require combined action, with some equitable way for raising funds to protect their general interests ;

And, whereas, the prevailing tendency of Municipal Bodies is towards increased and excessive taxation, without regard to judicious expenditure ;

And, whereas, every Property-holder and Tax-payer should take an active personal interest in the selection of fit and proper representatives to Municipal Offices, irrespective of party or politics ;

And, whereas, a wise and judicious economy in the expenditure of the City Revenues should be promoted and encouraged ;

And, whereas, it is but just that the expense of carrying out the measures proposed should be borne by each member in proportion to the Taxes levied on him by the City assessment list ;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO AGREE to form ourselves into an

Association, to promote economy in the administration of the affairs of our Municipality ;

To suggest and procure such necessary reforms in, and amendments to, the General and Municipal Laws and Ordinances as will tend to the accomplishment of the above objects ;

To oppose the introduction and passage of such laws and measures as tend to defeat them ;

And generally to propose and carry out such measures as the Association may deem proper and necessary in relation thereto, the funds for defraying the expenses of which (should the annual subscription of the members prove insufficient) shall be raised by an assessment levied *pro-rata* on each member of the Association in the manner hereinafter provided ;

And *we agree* to adopt the following

RULES AND REGULATIONS,

to *be in* force as soon as the names of Thirty Subscribers have been affixed thereto, and to be bound by such Rules and Regulations until altered or amended as therein specified.

Citizens' Association of Montreal.

OFFICE—ROOM NO. 2 MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE,
ST. SACRAMENT STREET.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1.—This Association shall be called "THE CITIZENS' ^{Name of Association.} ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL."

2.—All the concerns of this Association shall be ^{Management vested in Committee.} managed by an Executive Committee, to consist of fifteen Members, who shall be elected annually by ballot at the General Meeting of the Association, which shall be held on the first Wednesday of April in each year, to which end the said Committee shall have full power to make such Rules and Regulations from time to time as they may think fit, which shall not be inconsistent with the general Rules of the Association; and it shall be the ^{Powers and duties.} special duty of the Executive Committee to fix the percentage of the Assessment to be levied on each Member, as fixed by the City Assessment list, which sum each Member shall, on requisition, pay into the funds of this Association; but no assessment shall be levied until the fund accruing from the annual subscriptions shall be exhausted.

3.—That the Officers of this Association shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. ^{Officers.}

4.—The Executive Committee shall elect one of ^{Chairman—how appointed.} their Members to act as Chairman of the Association,

who shall preside at all meetings of the Committee or Association: a temporary Chairman to be appointed at each meeting, in his absence.

Secretary and
Treasurer—
how appointed.

5.—The Executive Committee shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer; and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be vested in the same person, at the option of the Committee.

Duties of Secretary.

6.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Committee, note their resolutions, and minute them in the Books of their proceedings; to conduct the official correspondence of the Association, and keep a regular account of its financial concerns, to keep an alphabetical list of the Members, and their places of residence; issue notices for meetings, and submit to the Committee a monthly statement of the receipts and disbursements, and pay over to the Treasurer the monies received by him.

Duties of Treasurer.

7.—The Treasurer shall have charge of and receive all monies paid into the Association; shall deposit the same as required by the Committee, and shall not disburse any monies except on being authorized so to do by the Executive Committee.

Semi-annual
meetings, April
and November.

8.—There shall be two general meetings of the Association, one of which shall be held on the first Wednesday of April in each year, for the purpose of electing the Executive Committee for the succeeding year, and the transaction of other business. The second meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of November following, at which the Executive Committee shall present a report of the accounts and general concerns of the Association for the past year, with an estimate for the receipts and expenditures for the current year. If either of the said Wednesdays shall be a Statute Holiday, then

the said general meeting shall be called on the following Wednesday.

9.—A quorum of fifteen members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a general or special meeting of the Association. Quorum — general meeting.

10.—The Executive Committee shall have power, at all times, to convene a special meeting of the Association, on giving five days public or special notice, stating the object of the meeting; and they shall also be required to convene a special meeting, upon a request in writing, signed by fifteen members of the Association. Special meetings.

11.—The Executive Committee shall meet weekly, on a stated day, to transact business, five of whom shall form a quorum. Meeting Executive Committee weekly.

12.—The order of business, at all general meetings, shall be as follows:—1st: Minutes of last meeting. 2nd: Reports and communications. 3rd: Reports of Executive Committee. 4th: Unfinished business. 5th: Miscellaneous business. Order of business — general meetings.

13.—No subject shall be discussed at a special meeting beyond that specified in the notice for which it was called. Business of special meeting.

14.—Each member of this Association shall pay an annual subscription of Ten Dollars, in advance, as a fund for working expenses, and no assessment shall be levied until such fund shall have been exhausted. Annual subscriptions.

15.—No Officer of this Association shall receive any compensation for services, except the Secretary, whose salary shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. No officer except Secretary to receive compensation.

16.—No Officer, Member of the Executive Committee, or Member of this Association is authorized to contract or create any debt, or in any manner whatever make this Association responsible for any pecuniary obligation. No member to make Association liable for debt.

Membership—
eligibility.

17. All Property-holders and Tax-payers shall be eligible for Membership; and any Property-holder or Tax-payer whose name shall be approved by the Executive Committee on application of any Member, shall on signing the Rules and Regulations and on payment of the annual subscription of Ten dollars, become a Member of this Association.

Withdrawal.

18. Any Member may withdraw by giving three months notice in writing to the Secretary.

Executive Com-
mittee power to
fill vacancy.

19.—The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the Committee occurring by death or resignation.

Provisional Ex-
ecutive Com-
mittee.

20. The following Gentlemen shall act as a Provisional Executive Committee until the First General Meeting in April next, when the regular Executive Committee shall be appointed, viz :

H. STEPHENS, *Chairman.*

E. ATWATER, <i>Treasurer.</i>	LOUIS BOYER,
DAVID TORRANCE,	A. M. DELISLE,
HUGH ALLAN,	FRANCOIS LECLAIRE,
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New or amended
rules.

21. These Rules may be altered or amended at any special Meeting called for that purpose, or at either of the General Meetings of this Association, (notice of ten days being previously given to the Committee, in writing), by a two-thirds vote of the Members present.

JAMES WHITMAN,
Secretary.

MONTREAL, January, 1868.

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